IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application with the following list of claims. Additions are indicated by underlining and deletions are indicated by strikeouts and/or double bracketing.

1. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising an act of:

applying a delivery vehicle comprising ~~a nitric oxide donor~~ L-arginine to a ~~region of sagging skin~~ breast for a period of time sufficient to reduce sagging, wherein the delivery vehicle comprises a hostile biophysical environment containing a penetrating agent, the penetrating agent comprising an ionic salt present at at least 5% weight by volume.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the sagging is determined using viscoelasticity.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the delivery vehicle is a cream.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, comprising rubbing the delivery vehicle into the ~~region of skin~~ breast.

5-6. (Cancelled)

7. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein the effective concentration of L-arginine is at least 5% by weight/volume of the delivery vehicle.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the delivery vehicle further comprises one or more of water, mineral oil, glyceryl stereate, squalene, propylene glycol stearate, wheat germ oil, glyceryl stearate, isopropyl myristate, steryl stearate, polysorbate 60, propylene glycol, oleic acid, tocopherol acetate, collagen, sorbitan stearate, vitamin A, vitamin D,

triethanolamine, methylparaben, aloe vera extract, imidazolidinyl urea, propylparaben, PND, or BHA.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising an act of reapplying the delivery vehicle to the ~~region of skin~~ breast.

10. (Original) The method of claim 9, comprising repeating the act of reapplying the delivery vehicle to the ~~region of skin~~ breast between 2 and 30 times, inclusively, within a time period of about 30 days.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~11~~ 1, wherein the penetrating agent is present in the delivery vehicle at a concentration at least sufficient to allow the nitric oxide donor to act for at least about 3 hours.

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~13~~ 1, wherein the ionic salt comprises one or more of lithium chloride, sodium chloride, potassium chloride, calcium chloride, magnesium chloride, or choline chloride.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~13~~ 1, wherein the ionic salt is present at a concentration of at least about 10% by weight.

16. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the nitric oxide donor comprises one or more of a polysaccharide-bound nitric oxide-nucleophile adduct, a *N*-nitroso-*N*-substituted hydroxylamines, a compound containing a sulfhydryl group and a NO donor group, 1,3-(nitrooxymethyl)phenyl-2-hydroxybenzoate, a gel comprising a nitrite salt and an acid, *S*-

nitrosothiols, a nitrite, a 2-hydroxy-2-nitrosohydrazine, a substrate for nitric oxide synthase, a cytokine, an adenosine, bradykinin, calreticulin, bisacodyl, phenolphthalein, or endothelein.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Original) A method, comprising an act of:

applying a delivery vehicle to a ~~region of skin~~ breast, the delivery vehicle containing ~~a nitric oxide donor~~ L-arginine for a period of time sufficient to allow the ~~skin~~ breast to absorb a sufficient quantity of ~~nitric oxide~~ L-arginine to produce a smoother surface in the ~~region of skin~~ breast, wherein the delivery vehicle comprises a hostile biophysical environment containing a penetrating agent, the penetrating agent comprising an ionic salt present at at least 5% weight by volume.

19. (Original) The method of claim 18, wherein the delivery vehicle is a cream.

20. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 18, comprising rubbing the delivery vehicle into the ~~region of skin~~ breast.

21. (Original) The method of claim 18, wherein the delivery vehicle comprises one or more of water, mineral oil, glyceryl stereate, squalene, propylene glycol stearate, wheat germ oil, glyceryl stearate, isopropyl myristate, steryl stearate, polysorbate 60, propylene glycol, oleic acid, tocopherol acetate, collagen, sorbitan stearate, vitamin A, vitamin D, triethanolamine, methylparaben, aloe vera extract, imidazolidinyl urea, propylparaben, PND, or BHA.

22. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 18, further comprising an act of reapplying the delivery vehicle to the ~~region of skin~~ breast.

23. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 22, comprising repeating the act of reapplying the delivery vehicle to the ~~region of skin~~ breast after between about 8 hours and about 48 hours after the act of applying the delivery vehicle.

24-26. (Cancelled)

27. (Original) The method of claim 26, wherein the ionic salt comprises one or more of lithium chloride, sodium chloride, potassium chloride, calcium chloride, magnesium chloride, or choline chloride.

28. (Original) The method of claim 26, wherein the ionic salt is present at a concentration of at least about 10% by weight.

29. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

administering, to a subject diagnosed as having breast ptosis, a composition comprising ~~a nitric oxide donor~~ L-arginine, the composition further comprising a hostile biophysical environment containing a penetrating agent, the penetrating agent comprising an ionic salt present at at least 5% weight by volume.